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8:30 a.m. – The Well  
(Contemporary Service)

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School/Adult Bible Class  
10:45 a.m. – Traditional Service

# Weekly News

## Sunday, January 12, 2020 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany

### January Stewardship

The beginning of a new year is a good time to thoughtfully and prayerfully consider our giving to the Lord. How much should I give, each week, in 2020? God's Word, in particular the New Testament, gives us the Lord's directives.

1. **"Percentage" Giving:** "Set aside a portion on the first day of the week." (Corinthians 16:2) What percentage of your gross income are you setting aside for God and His work? (Figure your weekly gross divided into your weekly giving) Try to move towards God's long-time standard of 10%.
2. **"First Fruits" Giving:** Both Old and New testaments emphasize that what we give to God the "first" fruits and the "best" – not the leftovers after spending on ourselves.
3. **"Sacrificial" Giving:** The New Testament commends the Macedonians for giving, not out of their abundance or surplus, but freely giving even when it was difficult to do so. (Widow's mite)
4. **"Cheerful and Willing" Giving:** "God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:7)

God speaks through Paul on this issue: "I thought it necessary to urge you...remember this, whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly and whoever sows generously will sow generously. Each one should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound you, so that in all things, at all times, you will have all you need and be able to abound in good works. You will be made rich every way so that you can be generous on every occasion and your generosity will result in thanksgiving unto God. This service that you perform not only supplies the needs of God's people but also overflows in many expressions of thanks to our God. Because of this service you prove yourselves and men praise God for your obedience that accompanies your confession of the Gospel of Christ, and for your generosity." (Corinthians 9:6-13)

### Contribution Statements

Your 2019 giving statements are available in the back of the church. You will need those for tax purposes. You can also divide the total by 52 to determine your weekly giving for this past year. Please consider an increase for

2020. (Our expenses generally increase about 5% each year.) Can you give 10% more each week this year? It would allow us to begin to invest in new ministries and outreach. Thank you for your consideration.

The Holy Spirit writes that when we perform this service (percentage, first fruit, sacrificial, cheerful giving) that people give praise and thanks to God. Our giving not only carries out God's Kingdom work but is used as a witness and to give glory to the Lord! Thank you, God, that we can give glory to Jesus simply by giving back a portion of all that You provide to us!

### Praise the Lord

Mark Meier has agreed to serve the remainder of Adam Orsborn's term on the Board of Directors. Please, add Mark to your regular prayers! We thank God for blessing our ministry with Mark and his willingness to serve.

### Board of Directors Meeting

January 14, 2020 – 6:30pm

### Flower Chart for 2020

#### **Donations are needed for January and February!**

The 2020 flower chart is in the book in the narthex. Consider signing up for a date. This is a great opportunity to remember or honor someone, or to celebrate a special occasion. Thank you to everyone that signed up in 2019.

### Shine Time work day!

The NLSA Steering Committee has declared **Saturday, January 25, from 9:00am – 1:00pm**, "work day" to spruce up our property right before the **NLSA Validation Team** arrives. School and church families are strongly encouraged to mark their calendars for this very important event.

### Forsyth Backpack Program

Last year St. John's Church and School sponsored a food packing for the Forsyth Backpack Program. This program feeds hungry children and families in Forsyth County. In all of the public schools in the county, a backpack of food is sent home with needy students for their weekend meals. Hunger among children is very high in our neighborhoods. We would love to participate in a packing event again this Spring. In the church foyer is a Forsyth Backpack Program Christmas tree. We

would like you to pick up a backpack and make a monetary donation toward the \$3000.00 cost for this packing event. Please give your checks or cash to the church secretary, our school secretary, or place in the offering plate. **MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH** and earmark the check for the Forsyth Backpack Program. We will leave the tree up until January 6. Thanks so much!!

**Altar Flowers Today** – Are given to the Glory of God.



**Sunday, 1/12**

8:30 a.m. – “The Well” with Holy Communion  
9:30 a.m. – Bible Class & Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. – Traditional Worship with Holy Communion  
**2:00 p.m. – Cancer Prayer Service**

**Tuesday, 1/14**

10:00 a.m. – Senior Bible Study  
**6:30 p.m. – Board of Directors**

**Wednesday, 1/15**

**Announcements due 12 noon**

8:30 a.m. – Chapel –  
5:30 p.m. – Hispanic Ministry Meal/Tutoring

**Thursday, 1/16**

9:30 a.m. – Prayer Warriors  
7:00 p.m. – Adult Bible Study

**Sunday, 1/19**

8:30 a.m. – “The Well” with Holy Communion  
9:30 a.m. – Bible Class & Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. – Traditional Worship with Holy Communion

**Spirit Nights**

**PDQ Sunday afternoons from 2:00pm – 4:00pm:**

January 26

February 23

**Feb. 25** – Surge Trampoline Park – 5-7pm

**The Telephone Prayer Chain** is another prayer opportunity. Please call Dot Cleary (336-767-4116) or Martha Tegeler (336-774-6772) if you would like to receive or be a part of this service. You may also call with prayer requests.



**St. John's Prayer Needs**

Prayer requests can be emailed to Dale Mierisch at [wb9szl@triad.rr.com](mailto:wb9szl@triad.rr.com).

We remember those who are shut in:

*Chris Johnston, Kay Moose, Millie Tetzlaff,*

We pray for those who are fighting cancer:

*Mary Deakle, (friend of Sheryl Thorpe), Terry France (Stephanie Andrews' father), Clarice George, Katie Goad, Isaiah Hall – 2 yrs old, battling Leukemia, (son of a friend of Pastor Tom) Melody Hawkins, (Nancy Livengood' s cousin), Bob Jordan, (Jamie Deal's uncle), , Arden Lackey, Glenda Lackey, Steve Miller (Beth Hardin's brother), Rebecca Perry, (Stacey Perry- school secretary's, mother-in-law), Cheryl Peting, (former member), Tara Phillips (niece of Arden & Glenda Lackey), RuthAnn Sabon, (friend of Sheryl Thorpe), Jo Snyder, (friend of Gwen Clocker), Kim Taylor, (Pastor's daughter's Mother-in-Law), Nancy Tondo, (Pastor Tom's Aunt), Frank Williams (Sarah Williams' husband), Cindy Woods (Cancer Prayer Service walk-in).*

For those undergoing/recovering from surgery or dealing with health issues:

*Travis Bane, (Cyndi Bane's son), Isabelle Baldwin, (Tom Baldwin's mother), Doris Braun, Steve Covington, (back surgery 12/20), Beth (Musser) Davis and Baby Grayson, Hunter Davis, Teddy Deranomie, Victoria Deranomie (eye surgery), Jeanette Dyson, Shane Gwaltney, (Debbie Baronowski's son), Whitney Hall, (Anita Hoisington's granddaughter), Karl Hastings Sr. (Karl Hastings father), Christine Karim, (daughter of Rich Essbach), Peter Morlock, (friend of Essbach's), Uncle Steve Morrison & family (Pastor Clocker's son-in-law's uncle), Gary Murray, (friend of Rich Essbach),,, Herbert Radda, (Rob Schwabe's cousin in Vienna), Florence Renken (John Renken's wife), Butch Roberts, Kiel Ross, (Jan Lundmark's granddaughter), Jean Rudolph, Jacki Rullman, Jessica Shea, **Randy Smith, (Gary Brake's cousin),** Millie Tetzlaff, Becky Tomlin, (Rosa Lovejoy's Aunt), Frank Williams (Sara Williams husband, Steve Covington's brother-in-law)*

*(Please notify Kerstin in the office if you have any names for our prayer list.*

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**Participation January 5, 2020**

**8:30am – 56**

**10:45am – 108**

**Nursery – 0**